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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IN, MNUC, TECH
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS

1. IN COURSE OF BRIEFING HE PROVIDED AT HER REQUEST TO Y NATE# GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFFER ELLEN MILLER, MEA SECRETARY VELLODI STATED THAT GOI WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG ON THE PROLIFERATION ISSUE AND SAW IN THEM A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR US VIEWS ON THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS. HE TOLD MILLER, AND EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR WHO ACCOMPANIED HER, THAT NYE'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA IN LONDON, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS IN DELHI AND BOMBAY, HAD GIVEN GOI A BETTER IDEA OF US APPROACH. NEXT MEETING, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD TAKE PLACE IN COUPLE OF MONTHS, WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS COMPLEX SUBJECT AND WOULD SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION PASSED TO GOI BY EMBASSY FOLLOWING NYE'S LAST VISIT.

2. MILLER ASKED VELLODI IF INDIANS HAD DIFFICULTY WITH NOTION OF SAFEGUARDS. VELLODI SAID THEY DID NOT. INDIANS WANTED TO AVOID MEASURES WHICH WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THEIR NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, SO THAT IT WAS THE SCOPE OF SAFEGUARDS, NOT THE NOTION OF THEM, WHICH CAUSED THEM CONCERN.

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3. VELLODI ASKED MILLER ABOUT STATUS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT HER COMMENT THAT THE BILL NOW WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE SENATE COMMITTEES WAS CLOSER TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S BILL THAN EARLIER VERSIONS HAD BEEN. (VELLODI DID NOT ASK FOR FURTHER DETAILS. MILLER TOLD US THAT THE LATEST VERSION NO LONGER

INCLUDED THE 18 MONTH OR TWO YEAR CUTOFF PROVISION ON FURTHER SUPPLIES UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS IN CASES OF NON-COMPLIANCE BY RECIPIENTS WITH STIPULATED US NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES SUCH AS ACCEPTANCE OF FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS.)

4. THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION, VELLODI CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT GOI HAD NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF SAFEGUARDS AND WANTED TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THEM. HE DID NOT PREDICT THE FINAL GOI POSITION, AND AT ONE POINT ASSERTED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT SOMEHOW THINGS COULD GET SORTED OUT.
GOHEEN

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